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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
Notice of Preparation
4-Son-101 19.5/21.6
Action Item

CTC Meeting: December 5-6, 2000

Agenda Item: 2.2a.

Original Signed By _____
W.J. EVANS, Deputy Director
Finance
November 27, 2000

SUMMARY- NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
ROUTE 101 IN SONOMA COUNTY

4-Son-101

From Route 12 to Steele Lane in the City of Santa Rosa.

Proposed Action:

Widen the existing facility to six lanes for high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.

Programming:

The project is programmed in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the 2003-04 fiscal year for \$64.1 million (\$49.8 million capital funds and \$14.3 million support funds). The estimated total cost of the project is \$ 77.5 million (capital and support funds), which includes \$6.0 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) and \$0.2 million local funds. There may be a need for additional STIP funds in the future to complete the project.

Alternatives Being Considered:

- No-build
- Median widening to accommodate HOV lanes.

Potential Significant Environmental Effects:

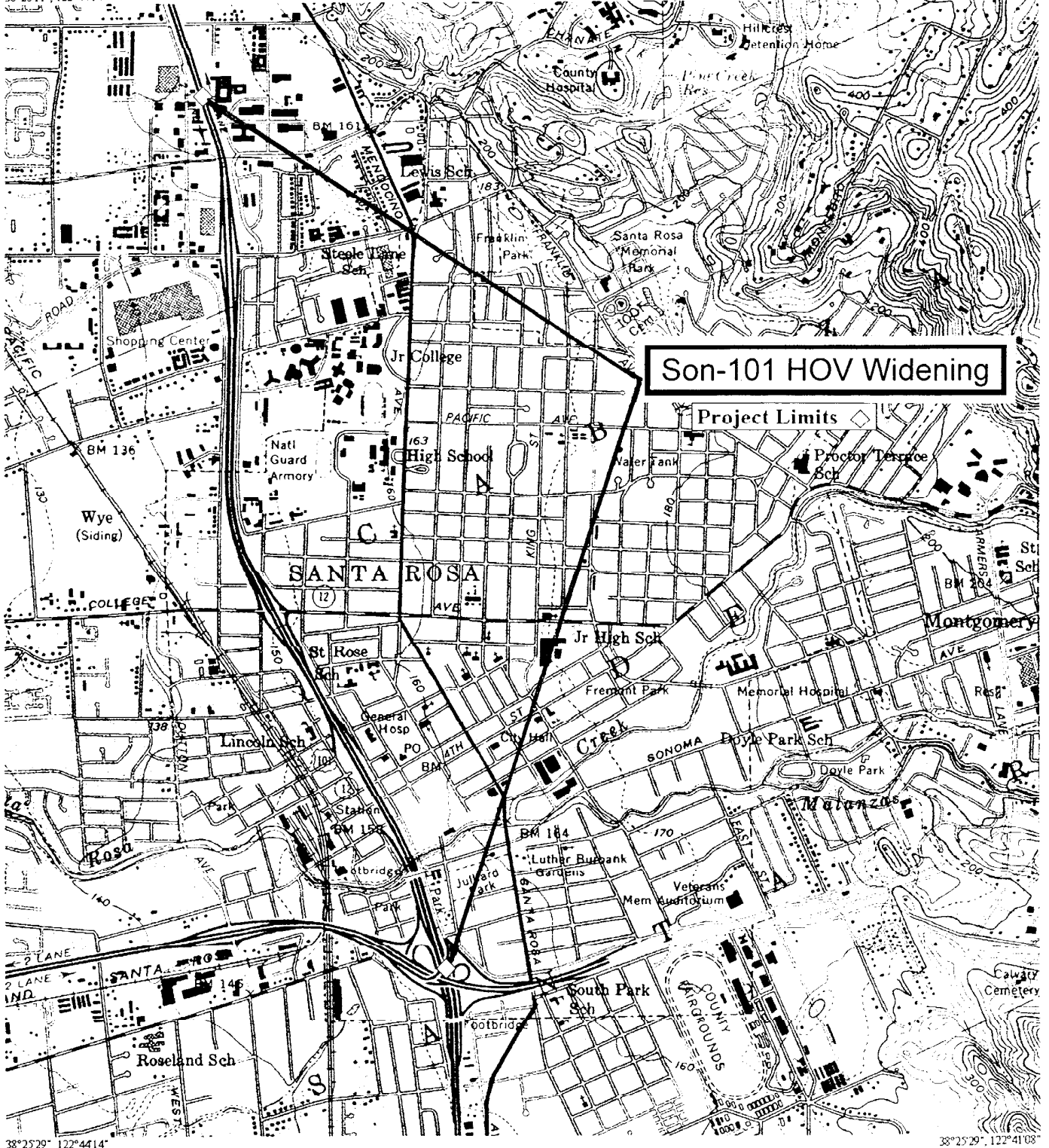
- Impacts to historical archaeological deposits
- Impacts to historical architecture.
- Visual impacts.
- Cumulative effects.
- Biological impacts to Santa Rosa Creek

Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:

- Archaeological data recovery
- Developing Memorandum of Agreement with SHPO and fulfilling its terms
- Aesthetic treatment of project structures
- Clear span bridge at Santa Rosa Creek

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38°28'11", 122°41'08"



Son-101 HOV Widening

Project Limits

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38°25'29", 122°41'08"

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: California Transportation Commission
(CTC)
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, Ca 95814
Attn:

FROM: Caltrans
111 Grand Avenue
Oakland, Ca 94623

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement
[References: Division 13, Public Resources Code, Section 21080.4 (State);
40 C.F.R. 1501.7 and 1508.22 (Federal)]

This is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation in cooperation with the FHWA will be the Lead Agency and will prepare and EIR/EIS for the project described below. Your participation as a responsible/cooperating agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

We need to know the applicable permit and environmental review requirements of your agency and the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR/EIS prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will prepare an environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) for a proposal to construct a median widening to accommodate a high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) through the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

Alternatives currently under consideration are: 1.) widening into the median to accommodate HOV lanes in each direction, as well as auxiliary lanes, ramp widening, alteration or replacement of the bridge spanning Santa Rosa Creek and modifications of intersections at ramp termini and 2.) not constructing the project. If this project is approved, construction will begin in late 2004 and continue through 2007. The primary objective for this proposed project is to improve the travel times, increase safety, and reduce congestion on a major regional connector.

Anticipated environmental effects from this project include impacts to historical archaeological deposits and historical architecture. Visual impacts and cumulative effects are also being evaluated.

Because different versions of this project have been under consideration for several years, a previous scoping meeting was held on October 27th, 1999 to present project proposals to the public. Since the decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was made, a new scoping meeting has been scheduled for November 29th, 2000, as is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is suggested by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The new public meeting will be held at Santa Rosa Middle School, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m., so that the public may review the alternatives under consideration and provide written comments if desired. A public hearing will be held later in the environmental process, after the Draft EIR/EIS is completed.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response and direct any comments or questions regarding this project to Susan Simpson at the address shown above (telephone (510) 286-5619). We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Date: 10-17-00

Signature:

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